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Andorra, Australia*, Belgium*, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland*, Germany, Greece*, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand*, Norway, Romania, Slovakia*, South Africa, Sweden*, Turkey*, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Affirming that gender mainstreaming constitutes a critical strategy in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action[1] and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,[2] and for achieving the overall goal of gender equality,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 55/71 of 4 December 2000, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the Economic and Social Council to continue to further policy coordination and inter-agency cooperation towards the achievement of the objectives of

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), resolution 1, annex II.

[2] General Assembly resolution S-23/2 and S-23/3.

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the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including by considering the dedication of specific segments to the advancement of women and the implementation of the above-mentioned instruments and by mainstreaming a gender perspective in all its work,

Having considered resolution 45/2 of the Commission on the Status of Women,[3]

Determined to further intensify its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of all its activities concerning integrated and coordinated follow-up to United Nations conferences,

1. *Decides* to establish, under the regular agenda item "Coordination, programme and other questions", the regular sub-item "Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system" in order to, *inter alia*, monitor and evaluate achievements made and obstacles encountered by the United Nations system, and to consider further measures to strengthen the implementation and monitoring of gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in future reports to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,[1] to assess progress made on mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system, including by providing information on key achievements, lessons learned and best practices, and to recommend further actions and strategies for future action within the United Nations system;

3. *Also calls upon* the Secretary-General and all bodies reporting to the Economic and Social Council to address the gender aspects of issues before the Council in their reports;

4. *Also decides* to devote the coordination segment of one of its substantive sessions, before 2005, to the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of agreed conclusions 1997/2 of the Council on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system.

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[3] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 7* (E/2001/27), chap. I, sect. B.